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Karl,

I unfortunately do not have the attachment/presentation electronically, but per the email chain below, Dan sent it out on Jan. 23, 2012 (but it was dropped by the time it got to me). But that may help track it down if there is nothing else since then.

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Carolyn, are you engaged/plugged in on this?

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Greetings,

Regional Administrator Karl Brooks and Cecilia Tapia, Superfund division director, are scheduled to brief Mathy Stanislaus this week about the radioactive-contaminated Westlake Landfill near St. Louis Lambert Airport. Karl needs to make a decision about disposition of radioactive waste in the landfill. The briefing for Mathy is scheduled for 11 am eastern time Wednesday January 25. Thought you might want to have someone from your staff attend, but in any case wanted to make sure you were aware this is and will continue to be a political hot potato. There are strongly opinionated and highly visible proponents and opponents of any decision R 7 will make.

The 200-acre landfill has a 40-acre section that contains radioactive waste from the Manhattan Project. The previous RA had determined the best solution was to cap the landfill, which is also within 2 miles of the Missouri River. Environmentalists objected vociferously.

After this administration came in, EPA was petitioned to re-open consideration of the permanent solution for the landfill. Working with hq, R 7 has completed additional comprehensive studies on what should be done with the radioactive waste. The briefing is to give Karl Brooks opportunity to tell Mathy what Karl believes is the best solution going forward and seeking any additional guidance Mathy wishes to provide.

Environmentalists want all radioactive waste dug up and transported out of state. The Airport Authority is adamantly opposed to disturbing the landfill which was closed at the Airport Authority's request to minimize possibility of bird strikes on jetliners.

Two considerations are that digging up the waste and shipping it would be enormously expensive and would pose health risks for those digging up the waste as well as those transporting it (not to mention anyone along the haul route that might be threatened by accidents of transport vehicles.)

If Mathy agrees with the direction Karl wants to go, Karl could sign the decision document by the end of January or first week in February. Technical justifying documents would probably take several more weeks, but the instant the public learns what decision is made, we will be besieged with news media, and elected officials' responses or queries.

Once we have agreed-upon direction we plan to provide briefings for elected officials at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

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Here is the final version of the West Lake Landfill SFS briefing for EPA HQ, in PDF format. This reflects the last adjustments made in this morning's meeting with Karl.

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